

Desatoya Gather Fact Sheet

August 2012

What: Desatoya Mountains Wild Horse Gather

Where: 70 miles east of Fallon, Nev. Within Churchill and Lander counties

Planned number of horses and burros to be gathered: Approximately 450-525 wild horses

Planned number of mares to be treated with the fertility-vaccine PZP and released back to the range: BLM will conduct fertility control measures on mares and/or adjust the sex ratios of the gathered animals to be returned to the HMA to 60 percent male/40 percent female ratios. The number of mares treated with PZP will be 51 depending upon the amount gathered.

Planned number of horses and burros to be removed from HMAs: 398 excess wild horses

Population to be left in HMAs: Approximately 253

Planned duration of gather: August 15 to August 29, 2012

Reason/s for the Gather: This gather is being conducted to reduce wild horse population size to closer to the appropriate management level (i.e. 127-180 wild horses), to restore a thriving natural ecological balance, and to sustain healthy rangeland resources.

For general information about the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program, please visit the BLM's Website at: <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/whbprogram.html>.

BLM WH&B Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BLMWildHorseandBurro

BLM YouTube "playlist" (WH&B section): <http://blm.gov/c65c>

BLM National WH&B hotline and e-mail: 866-468-7926 (866-4MUSTANGS) and wildhorse@blm.gov

Quick Facts about the program:

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/whbprogram/history_and_facts/quick_facts.html

Myths and Facts about wild horse management:

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/whbprogram/history_and_facts/myths_and_facts.html

Information about the wild horse and burro adoption program:

http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro/What_We_Do/wild_horse_and_burro_0.html